

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An electroluminescent device comprising a substrate and, adjacent to said substrate, a laminated body composed of an anode electrode directly on said substrate, an electroluminescent layer directly on said anode electrode, a cathode electrode directly on said electroluminescent layer, and  $2n+1$  transparent dielectric layers directly on said cathode electrode so that the  $2n+1$  transparent dielectric layers are located on an opposite side of said substrate, where  $n=0, 1, 2, 3$  . . .  $\alpha$ , which transparent dielectric layers alternately have a high refractive index of  $n>1.7$  and a low refractive index of  $n\leq 1.7$ , and the transparent dielectric layer bordering on the cathode electrode has a high refractive index of  $n>1.7$ , whereby reflection of light emitted by the electroluminescent layer at the cathode electrode is

reduced by the transparent dielectric layer and transmission of light through the cathode electrode is increased, ~~wherein the transparent layers having the high refractive index comprise  $\text{SnO}_2$ .~~

Claim 2 (Canceled)

3. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the transparent layers having the low refractive index comprise  $\text{MgF}_2$ .

4. (Currently Amended) An electroluminescent device comprising:

a substrate at a first side of the electroluminescent device;  
a first electrode formed on the substrate;  
an electroluminescent layer formed on the first electrode;  
a second electrode formed on the electroluminescent layer; and  
2n+1 transparent dielectric layers formed on the second  
electrode so that the 2n+1 transparent dielectric layers are  
located at a second side of the electroluminescent device, the  
second side being opposite the first side, where  $n=0, 1, 2, 3 \dots \alpha$ ,

the transparent dielectric layers alternately having a high refractive index of  $n > 1.7$  and a low refractive index of  $n \leq 1.7$ , wherein a first transparent dielectric layer bordering on the second electrode has the high refractive index of  $n > 1.7$ , ~~wherein the transparent layers having the high refractive index comprise~~  $\text{SnO}_2$ .

Claim 5 (Canceled)

6. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 4, wherein the transparent layers having the low refractive index comprise  $\text{MgF}_2$ .

7. (Currently Amended) The electroluminescent device of claim 4, wherein the first transparent dielectric layer is configured to reduce reflection of light generated by the electroluminescent layer at the second ~~metallic~~ electrode so that more light passes through the second electrode.

8. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of

claim 4, wherein the  $2n+1$  transparent dielectric layers are configured to increase transmission of light generated in the electroluminescent layer through the second electrode.

9. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 8, wherein the  $2n+1$  transparent dielectric layers are configured to reduce transmission in a blue spectral region.

10. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 4, wherein the  $2n+1$  transparent dielectric layers are configured to reduce transmission in blue spectral region so that daylight contrast is increased.

11. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 4, wherein the  $2n+1$  transparent dielectric layers are configured to vary color of light emitted from the electroluminescent device.

12. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 4, wherein the  $2n+1$  transparent dielectric layers are

configured to form a color filter.

13. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 4, wherein the  $2n+1$  transparent dielectric layers are configured to generate light having transmission peaks that lie in wavelength ranges of red, green and blue colors.

14. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 4, wherein the  $2n+1$  transparent dielectric layers are configured to reduce a width of a transmission peak of light emitted from the electroluminescent device.

15. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 4, wherein the electroluminescent layer is divided into a plurality of color pixels.

16. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 4, wherein the second electrode comprises a first layer which borders on the electroluminescent layer and a second layer formed over the first layer, the first layer including an alkaline earth

metal, and the second layer including copper.

17. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 16, wherein the alkaline earth metal is barium.

18. (Previously presented) The electroluminescent device of claim 4, further comprising only a single isolating layer situated between the substrate and the first electrode.

19. (New) The electroluminescent device of claim 1, wherein the transparent layers having the high refractive index comprise  $\text{SnO}_2$ .

20. (New) The electroluminescent device of claim 4, wherein the transparent layers having the high refractive index comprise  $\text{SnO}_2$ .